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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 4,949,369
AL German OS 195 23 162
AU U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0085676

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA is a counterpart to European Application 0 328 951, which was identified and discussed in the present specification together with References AL and AU. Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicant, however, in addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

References AL and AU also were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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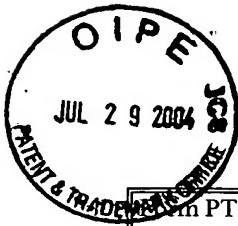
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